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(b) the steps the Government propose to take to repair the heavy losses sustained by the inhabitants of the said district and to alleviate the distress of the poor ?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the letter, dated the 7th January 1924, from the Collector of Tinnevelly which was published in the Madras dailies about the 16th January 1924.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know from the Revenue Member whether the Government propose to take any steps to recoup the loss incurred ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—" The Government will do all that is necessary and reasonable."

Floods in the Tinnevelly district.

153 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that serious damage was caused recently on account of heavy flood in the Tinnevelly district leaving thereby 10,000 people homeless ; and

(b) what steps the Government have already taken to relieve the suffering of the homeless people ?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the letter, dated the 7th January 1924, from the Collector of Tinnevelly which was published in the Madras dailies about the 16th January 1924.

Forests.

Theft of sandalwood in South Kanara.

154 *Q.*—Mr. B. MAHABALA HEGDE : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(1) the total number of cases and the total amount of penalty levied in the villages of Thenkamijar, Badagamijar, Kallamundkurputtige and Marpady of Karkal taluk, South Kanara, in respect of sandalwood trees stolen from kumki lands ;

(2) the revenue assessment payable by each of the wargdars concerned and the amount of penalty levied on each in the above villages ;

(3) whether there is not a distillery in the midst of this group of villages in a solitary place surrounded by forests, and if the answer is in the affirmative, how far the said distillery is from the nearest police station ;

(4) how many cases of theft of sandalwood trees from kumki lands in the above villages were detected by Government and how many culprits convicted ; and what steps are taken about theft of sandalwood trees in forests beyond kumki ;

(5) the quantity of sandalwood purchased from Government at auction by the distillery owner referred to in clause (3) above and the quantity of oil sold by him ;

(6) whether the wargdars in South Kanara do not live in solitary houses especially in the interior on the foot of wooded hills unlike those in East Coast ;

(7) the total amount of similar penalty levied in the district this year till the end of November 1923 and the number of wargdars from whom levied ; and